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Capt. David Lausman, commanding officer of the Japan-based, Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73), presents coins to children dressed in traditional Korean costume at a welcome ceremony. George Washington and its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing 5, arrived in Busan, Korea for a port visit.

Federal Register

Defense Department

Notices

- **Revised Non-Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates** Pages 38599 - 38608 [FR DOC # 2012-15870]

Office of Personnel Management

Notices

- Submission for review: Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Application, 3206-0082 Pages 38681 - 38681 [FR DOC # 2012-15850]
- Submission for Review: Health Benefits Election Form, OPM 2809 Pages 38681 - 38682 [FR DOC # 2012-15856]

Government Executive

- **Crackdown on government travel advances to full House**
Inspired by reports of the General Services Administration's rampant spending on a 2010 conference in Las Vegas (its shorthand is the "GSA Act").
- **Senate committee backs Hatch Act update**
The committee amended the 2012 Hatch Act Modernization Act to ensure state and municipal employees whose salaries come entirely from federal funds remain prohibited from seeking elected office.
- **Nuclear Regulatory chairman says IG report 'raises nothing new of substance'**
Report faults departing Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Gregory Jaczko for making inconsistent statements to Congress and failing to support an "open and collaborative work environment,"
- **Bill requiring OMB to share sequestration plans sails through committee**
Bill would require the president to submit a report to Congress within 30 days that includes the basic details of the looming sequester and the actions to be undertaken.
- **Panel approves funds to avoid Weather Service furloughs**
NOAA asked lawmakers recently to reallocate \$36 million to cover the spending gap, which occurred when government employees reprogrammed funds in fiscal 2010 and fiscal 2011 without congressional notification.
- **Patience among Camp Lejeune's military families is wearing thin**
Evidence is mounting that hundreds, if not thousands, of cancer cases, birth defects, and other serious illnesses may be linked to degreasing fluids that were dumped on the ground
- **House Democrat takes up Senior Executive Service reform**
The goal of Moran's bill is similar -- provide more financial incentives to become a senior executive by reforming the compensation model so there is more disparity between the salaries of the highest paid General Schedule employees and the lowest paid SES members.
- **Joint Chiefs Chair to Military: Stay Out of Politics**
"One way we earn trust," Dempsey added, "is by avoiding partisan activities." Members of the armed services, he wrote, must be acutely aware of the importance of political neutrality.

NextGov

- **Thousands flee Colorado Springs fire**
A raging wildfire that has tripled in size since Tuesday has forced 32,000 Colorado Springs, Colo., residents from their homes and another 2,100 from the Air Force Academy located just north of the city.

HR/EEO Related Federal Agencies

U.S. Office of Personnel Management - What's New

- Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program
OPM has the responsibility to annually report to Congress on progress under the Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program (FEORP).
- 2010 Federal Child Care Subsidy Program Call for Data Results

Washington DC News Sources

Washington Post

- Rep. James Moran to propose SES reform
Chief among the bill's proposed reforms is pay compression between senior executives and top general schedule employees.
- IG will review Commerce virus attack and response
The inspector general of the Commerce Department is reviewing the causes of a computer virus and how a small development agency responded to it.
- Carey D. Smith, Navy physicist
Mr. Smith retired in 1987 as director of undersea warfare technology with the Naval Sea Systems Command. He continued working as a consultant to the Navy Department and U.S. allies in Europe and Asia for 25 years.
- As federal agencies shift to cloud e-mail, officials tout savings, security
The transition to cloud, or Web-based, systems is one of the top federal information technology priorities, mandated by the Office of Management and Budget in 2010.
- After 'don't ask, don't tell' repeal, a gay pride celebration
A standing-room-only crowd of 400 uniformed and civilian employees and their supporters filled a Pentagon auditorium Tuesday as the military celebrated gay pride month for the first time.
- Makeup of federal workforce has changed in past decade, data show
In comparison with the overall workforce, the federal workforce is slightly more male and slightly less white: The federal workforce is 43.6 percent female and 65.9 percent white, compared with 46 and 70 percent, respectively, in the overall workforce.
- National Alliance on Mental Illness report calls for removing barriers to vets health care
The report, entitled "Parity for Patriots: The Mental Health Needs of Military Personnel, Veterans and their Families," is being released in conjunction with NAMI's national convention in Seattle.
- Joe Davidson - Committee acts to stop contractors from enabling human trafficking
When contractors submit proposals for government work overseas, they don't include provisions for trading in humans or indentured servitude.
- Walter Pincus - Troops have withdrawn from Iraq, but U.S. money hasn't
The State Department is planning to spend up to \$115 million to upgrade the U.S. Embassy compound in Baghdad according to pre-solicitation notices published this month.
- Uninsured and fighting blazes: Welcome to the life of a federal firefighter
Thousands of federal firefighters charged with taming the blazes do not have health insurance.

WTOP Federal News radio

- Mike Causey's Federal Report - Have you lost it yet?
One thing that has not given much attention is morale.
- Lawmakers reach tentative deal on highway, student loan deal

- DHS hones dynamic approach to securing agency computer networks
- Investigation by states shuts down GIBill.com
- State Department agent faces murder charge
- Contempt of Congress issue may fizzle after vote
- House committees demand transparency, 'insight' into sequestration
- Bill aims to reform Senior Executive Service
- NSA shares leadership secrets to mission success
- Feds improve customer service through data analysis
- OPM: Federal government employing more minorities than ever
- Some advocate for banking services as USPS savior
- DoD appoints two Senior Executive Service personnel
- USPS overpays pension obligations by \$13.1B, report says
- Thursday morning federal headlines - June 28, 2012

The Washington Times

- Inside China: PLA says war with U.S. imminent
People's Liberation Army (PLA) Maj. Gen. Peng Guangqian revealed the harsh words toward the United States and those in China he regards as muddle-headed peacenik intellectuals.
- Successful test of interceptor missile off Hawaii
It's the second consecutive successful intercept test of the SM-3 Block IB missile and the second-generation Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense system, which is operated from ships.

Federal Times

- VA plans to cut staffing at regional management offices
The Veterans Affairs Department plans to cut staffing at its sprawling regional management offices, as officials seek to head off legislation that would slash the number of those offices from 21 to 12.
- House committee approves 30 percent cut to federal travel
A House committee approved a bill Wednesday that would cut federal travel spending by 30 percent from 2010 levels.
- House bill would require raises for 'fully successful' SES members
Senior Executive Service members and other senior-level employees who receive at least a fully successful rating would be guaranteed pay raises under a bill introduced in the House Wednesday.
- **Senate panel OKs new Hatch Act punishments**, excess property bill
A Senate committee on Wednesday passed a bill that would provide a wider range of possible punishments for Hatch Act violators.

NJ.com

- TSA fires 8 Newark screeners caught sleeping on the job, failing to meet job demands
Eight airport screeners in Newark were fired this morning, after being caught sleeping on the job or failing to follow other guidelines

Baltimore Sun

- Federal government tries to reach out to younger workers, recent graduates
The program aim to streamline and standardize recruiting, application and hiring for interns, recent graduates and presidential management fellows across the federal government

GOVPRO

- Following correct processes is key on tracking government spending
There are technologies and tools available that can help federal agencies identify and prevent problems with inappropriate government spending, says Eric Zoetmulder

Fed Smith

- What's the Difference Between Postponed vs. Deferred Retirement?
Are you thinking about leaving federal service before you are eligible for an immediate FERS retirement?

Navy Times

- Greenert: Iranian navy quiet lately in Gulf
- DoD bans monuments to current lawmakers

Marine Corps Times

- Jobless vets near \$1B in unemployment payouts\

Unions

International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers

- Judicial Council 1 Calls on Congress to Hire Lawyers to Defend SSA in Disability Hearings

News From Around the World/Outside DC

Guardian (UK)

- Stockton in California becomes largest US city to file for bankruptcy
Stockton's city council voted six to one in favor of the 2012-2013 budget after a contentious five-hour meeting where angry retired city workers pressed council members to reject the \$155 million spending plan.

Christian Science Monitor

- Retirement plans: How to spot financial abuse of seniors
Elder financial abuse takes place when someone uses an elderly person's funds or property without authorization.

Jacksonville.com (FL)

- Navy Drug Screening Lab
Keeping warfighters safe through accurate drug testing

Los Angeles Times (Washington DC and Business)

- U.S. population in cities growing faster than in suburbs
New census data show that cities grew by 1.1% from 2010 to 2011, while suburbs grew by 0.9%, as the economic downturn accelerated urban expansion.
- First black Marines get Congressional Gold Medal for WWII service
The Montford Point Marines, named after the segregated North Carolina camp where they trained, and their surviving family members received the nation's highest civilian honor

New York Times (National News and Business)

- An Estimate for Needed Retirement Savings
The estimate takes into account inflation and post-retirement medical costs. And it is based on the retiree continuing to maintain the same standard of living.

Kitsap Sun (Communities/Kitsap Military)

- Alaska glacier wreckage is 1950s military plane
Evidence found at the crash site correlates with the missing C-124A Globemaster

Norfolk Virginian-Pilot (Military News)

- Military contractor cited for treatment of goats
Should animals be sacrificed in order to save lives on the battlefield?

San Diego Union-Tribune (Military News)

- Five San Diego warships join big war-game
Rim of the Pacific (Rimpac) -- the huge multi-nation maritime war-games held every two years -- is getting underway off Hawaii

Stars & Stripes

- Two more Air Force trainers charged in growing sex scandal
The charges come as a dozen boot camp instructors are being investigated for having illicit relationships with trainees at the base, and half face courts-martial.
- GIBill.com shut down in settlement over defrauding veterans
Veterans groups and Department of Veterans Affairs officials hailed the announcement as much-needed victory over the tactics of for-profit colleges
- Pentagon data: Afghan improvised bombs kill fewer US-led troops
U.S.-led troop deaths from makeshift bombs in Afghanistan are dropping sharply
- Two Guam-based sailors charged with robbery

Navy/Military News Services/House Organizations

Early Bird - Current News Service

Air Force Personnel

- Effective leadership begins with you
- USAF Academy evacuates: Airmen must log in to accountability system
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs "RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas --"
Air Force officials have activated the Air Force Personnel Accountability and Assessment System to monitor the status and location of all personnel and dependents assigned to and living in the vicinity of the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., Air Force Personnel Center officials said today.



DON Instructions - DONI

- OPNAV 5100.12J NAVY TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM

Instructions & Messages

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- PROMULGATION OF THE MANUAL OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL



DoD

- DOD Announces Value Engineering Award Recipients
- DOD News Briefing with Adm. Greenert from the Pentagon
- Navy Continues to Lean Forward, Evolve, Greenert Says
- Panetta Announces \$60M in Grants to Military Schools
- Family Matters Blog: Network Helps Spouses Remain Lawyers

Other Sources

Federal Computer Week

- How to foster a more ethical culture
- Learning the lessons of open projects
- Bill addresses SES pay compression
- DOD to improve tracking of late-payment penalties
- GSA boosts FedRAMP accreditation as small-business advantage
- EPA picks cloud services provider
- FBI plans iris scan database
- Budget pressures, workforce woes and cyber threats converge

Federal Daily

- More states extend licensing portability to military spouses